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SUBJ: JUMBO STEEL MILL IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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1. FEBRUARY 6, 1976, NEWSPAPERS CARRIED ARTICLE REPORTING THAT JAPANESE STEEL MILLS HAVE DECIDED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PROPOSED JUMBO STEEL PLANT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA. THIS REPORT PUBLISHED TO COINCIDE WITH BEGINNING OF TRADE TALKS BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND JAPANESE IN TOKYO. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA DISCOUNTED VALIDITY OF REPORT AND OFFICIAL OF BHP, WHO HEADS INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP, DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF JAPANESE WITHDRAWAL.

2. PARTICIPANTS IN THE STUDY GROUP ARE EXPECTED TO MEET IN TOKYO ON FEBRUARY 23 AND 24. A DECISION OF FEASIBILITY FOR THE PROJECT EXPECTED TO BE MADE AT THAT TIME.  
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